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Chief Executive Officer

July 31, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WEIGHT  
LIMIT RESTRICTION ALONG LARGO VISTA ROAD, BIG PINES HIGHWAY,  
VALYERMO ROAD, 165TH STREET EAST/BOBS GAP ROAD,  
AND LONGVIEW ROAD, IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BIG PINES AND VALYERMO  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the adoption of the traffic regulation orders and posting of corresponding regulatory and advisory signage is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt a traffic regulation order prohibiting commercial vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds, unladen, on Largo Vista Road between Pearblossom Highway and Big Pines Highway; Big Pines Highway between Largo Vista Road and Angeles Crest Highway; Big Pines Road between Bobs Gap Road and Largo Vista Road; Valyermo Road between Longview Road and Bobs Gap Road; Longview Road between Pearblossom Highway and Fort Tejon Road; and 165th Street East/Bobs Gap Road between Pearblossom Highway and Big Pines Highway.
3. Instruct the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to post adequate signs along Largo Vista Road, Big Pines Highway, and Valyermo Road in order to reasonably apprise the public as to the nature and extent of the prohibition.

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### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has requested County assistance in dealing with traffic concerns that have arisen during their detour for construction work on State Route 138 (SR-138). Subsequently, a Department of Public Works engineering investigation concurs with Caltrans' recommendation to implement commercial vehicle weight limit restrictions on the subject County highways. Upon completion of the construction, the Department of Public Works will reevaluate the need for the weight limit restriction.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1), as implementation of these actions will address and accommodate traffic operations and safety concerns of residents and motorists.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget to cover the minor costs of installing the necessary signs.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The California Vehicle Code Section 21101(c) authorizes your Board to restrict commercial vehicles on streets or highways under your jurisdiction. The commercial vehicle traffic, exacerbated by the detour that Caltrans has installed for their work on SR-138, has adversely impacted Largo Vista Road, Big Pines Highway, Big Pines Road, and Valyermo Road.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The establishment of this regulation, including the installation of related signs, is categorically exempt under Class I-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action will have a positive impact on reinforcing the traffic detour that Caltrans has implemented for SR-138. Additionally, it will reduce emissions and noise levels in these communities.

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**CONCLUSION**

At such time as this recommendation is approved, please return one copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Janssen", written in a cursive style.

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Chief Executive Officer

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